

XIV.—THE MIGRATION OF THE ROSY PASTOR
(*PASTOR ROSEUS* L.).

Through the kindness of Dr. J. Schenk of the Royal Hungarian Institute of Ornithology, Budapest, I have obtained a most interesting record of the recovery in India of a specimen of the Rosy Pastor which was marked as a nestling in Hungary. The particulars of this bird are as follows:

Date of Ringing: 30 June, 1925.

No. of Ring: 27381 (of the Royal Hungarian Inst. of Ornith.).

Locality: Village Novaj, N.-E. Hungary, $47^{\circ} 55' N.$ Lat. \times $20^{\circ} 30' E.$ Long.

Date of Recovery: 28 April, 1926.

Place of Recovery: Lahore (Punjab) $31^{\circ} 35' N.$ Lat. \times $74^{\circ} 20' E.$ Long.

The recovery was reported by Mr. M. J. Sheikh, proprietor of "Karachi Motor Works", Lahore, who kept the bird alive for a fortnight before it died of its wounds. Mr. Sheikh further informs me that the ringed bird was amongst a lot of twenty that fell to a single shot of his, at a place about four miles out of Lahore City. According to him the birds are plentiful in this locality between 10th April and 15th May, during which time they feed largely on "Badana" (?) berries and grow very fat, and are eagerly sought after as food. The direct air distance between the places of marking and recovery in this case is 3000 miles.

From an excellent paper on the Rosy Pastor in Uzbekistan (Turkestan) recently published in the *Journal für Ornithologie*¹ we learn that the author ringed 1,000 nestlings in 1929 and another 2000 in 1930 in that locality. The 1929 rings are 1 centimeter broad and all fastened on the right legs of the birds. They bear the inscription "UZ" in addition to the serial number. The 1930 rings belong to the Moskow Biological Station, numbers 11201-13200, and besides the serial number and the cipher F (denoting the series) they are inscribed "Moskwa-Bjun". It is very probable that some of these marked birds may be recovered in India, in which case it is requested that the person finding it, or whoever comes to hear of it, should send the information with particulars as regards number and inscription on ring, date, locality etc. to the Bombay Natural History Society who will communicate with the ringers concerned. If possible, the leg of the bird with the ring attached should also be kindly forwarded.

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¹ Serebrennikov, M. K., 'Der Rosenstar (*Pastor roseus* L.), seine Lebensweise und ökonomische Bedeutung in Uzbekistan' Turkestan), *Jour. für Ornithologie*, lxxix, 1, pp. 29-56, Jan. 1931.